24th March 1955]

Jaggery Co-operative Society, Chirakkal taluk.

* 1602 Q.—Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be * pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received a memorandum from 53 ex-tappers on 26th May 1954 from Azhikode village, Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar, requesting for the formation of a Jaggery Producing Co-operative Society; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) No, Sir.

" (b) Does not arise."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, a memorandum signed by 450 ex-tappers has been submitted to the Government. This matter was also referred to the Collector and was also discussed at the meeting of the Advisory Committee. But, the society has not yet been formed. The ex-tappers are prepared to abide by the rules and regulations of the society. May I know from the Hon. Minister whether proper steps will be taken at least now after going through the papers to encourage these poor people and to develop this cottage industry?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, I will call for a report from the Collector."

Revolver licences.

* 1603 Q.—Sri R. S. ARUMUGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) how many revolver licences were issued in Tirunelveli district from 1st June 1953 to 31st May 1954, and how many of them to Harijans;

(b) whether Sri P. Urkavalan, M.L.A., applied for a revolver licence, and if so, when; and

(c) the action taken on his application?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Seven revolver licences were issued, during the period from 1st June 1953 to 31st May 1954, and none of them was issued to a Harijan.

" (b) Sri P. Urkavalan applied for a revolver licence on 11th May 1953.

" (c) The application was rejected by the Collector."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know, when such applications are rejected, whether the reasons for the rejection are also given?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir, the reasons are given. There is also provision for appeal against the order of the Collector under the Revenue Code."